GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NAMING OF AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to name the airports after national leaders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any specific proposal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b):- It is the normal policy of the Government to retain the name of the city for airports as this is found to be convenient for identification by passengers in general and foreign tourists in particular.

(c) & (d):- Proposals have been received from time to time for renaming of airports of Rajkot, Porbandar, Jabalpur, Varanasi, Nagpur, Visakhapatnam, Agartala, Madurai, Jodhpur, Dibrugarh, Lengpui and Lilabari airports.

Decision for renaming of domestic airports in exception to the normal policy are taken on the basis of sustained public demand and after consultation with the concerned State Governments and Ministry of Defence in the case of Defence airports.